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December 12, 1977

Dear Mr. D'Alessandro:

Thank you for your second letter about the sale of handguns in the United States.

As I tried to explain in October, this matter is not within my jurisdiction, and I can only put you in touch with the proper authorities -- in this case the Domestic Affairs Branch of the Administration -- and I thought you might like to be directly in touch with that office. They may be reached through the White House, Washington, D.C.

I am herewith returning your letter in case you wish to follow my suggestion.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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